direct foreign investments. The level of reserves at a point of time are the net result of a large number of transactions in external sector. Hence it is not possible to determine the contribution made by individual items towards the increase in reserves.

Involvement of banks in funding of terrorist activities

859. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some banks including foreign banks are financing anti-Indian and terrorists activities through VESTRO accounts since 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating verious payments that have already been repatriated since 1991;

(c) whethr investigation by the Directorate of Enforcement and Reserve Bank of India have been initiated in the matter;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether any remedial action has been taken on the issue against those banks which were responsible for such serious irregularities; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Seizure of psychotropic drugs by security forces

860. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of Hashish and other psychotropic drugs seized by Customs, Revenue and other police and security forces during the first 9 months of the year 1992-93;

(b) what are the comparative figures for 1991-92 and 1990-91; and

(c) what steps have been taken to effectively curb the smuggling of such drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRA SEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The quantity of Hashish and other narcotic drugs and psychltropic substances seized in the country by various drug law enforcement agencies in the first nine months of financial year 1992-93 (April-December) are as below:

Drug seized	Quantity in Kgs. (Provisiona
Hashish	5961
Heroin	823
Opium	1572
Morphine	28
Ganja	49351
Methaqualone	7068
Cocaine	0.420
Phenobarbital	54430 Tabs

(b) Figures for 1991-92 and 1990-91 in the corresponding period (first nine months-April to December) are tabulated below:

Drug seized	1991-92	1990-91
	(Quantity in Kgs.)	
Hashish	3305	5581
Heroin	388	1556
Opium	1999	1885
Morphine	6	4
Ganja	49349	34351
Methaqualone	4176	2093
Cocaine	0.008	1
Phenobarbital	..	..

(c) Arrangements for gathering of intelligence and exchange of intelligence between the different agencies have been streamlined. Training is being imparted to the enforcement officers of various agencies to improve their effectiveness. A part of the Indo-Pakistan border has been fenced. The strength of enforcement agencies in some border areas has been enhanced. Equipment has also been supplied to some enforcement agencies to improve their mobility and communication facilities.

Closing down of investcare service by Grindlays Bank

861. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ANZ Grindlays Bank has decided to close down Investcare, its portfolio management service for individual investors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Reserve Bank of India have reported that they have not received any request from ANZ Grindlays Bank regarding closure of its 'Investcare' Scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

Joint stock companies from foreign countries

862. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of the Joint Stock Companies from foreign countries which have agreed to invest in India as on the 1st February, 1993;

(b) the amount of investment likely to be attracted through these companies; and

(c) whether Government have studied their monopolistic character and its effect on price level in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Excise duty evasion by M/s. Taxmoco Cement Ltd.

863. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that M/s. Taxmoco Cement Limited, Yetrra-guntla, Andhra Pradesh has not paid lakhs of rupees in the form of excise duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government thereon?